[Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon.]

(*d*) whether they consider that cocoanut cultivators in Travancore are to be benefited in any way, from their tour and enquiry; and

(*e*) if so, in what way?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, the travelling allowance paid to the Mycologist for the journeys he performed in company with Dr. Patel.

(*d*) How far the results of the enquiry will prove beneficial to the cocoanut cultivators of Travancore can be ascertained only after seeing the report of Dr. Patel.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*) above.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether Dr. Patel is bound to submit a Report to the Travancore Government?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: He has instructions to submit a report to the Government of India.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any understanding that any report about conditions here should be made available to the Government of Travancore?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: His investigation is supposed to cover details about the cultivation of cocoanut all over the Indian Empire and Ceylon. Travancore is an important cocoanut-growing country; naturally, he will include it in his report.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN (*Nominated*): Has the local cocoanut palm disease been brought to the notice of Dr. Patel?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: He knew of the prevalence of the disease here as well as in some other cocoanut-growing countries even before he came here.

MR. KOMILEZHATHU SANKARAN: Has he suggested any solution?

MR K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: He is not a specialist in micology. The cocoanut plam disease prevalent here is fungoid in nature. So, we cannot expect any suggestions from him for its eradication.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Travancore Government has spent anything in connection with Dr. Patel's visit to Travancore?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: No.

Export duty on copra.

84. *MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of countries where the cocoanut is largely cultivated;

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(*b*) whether there is an export duty on copra in Cochin ;
(*c*) whether there is an export duty on copra in Malabar ;
(*d*) whether there is any export duty on copra in Colombo ;
(*e*) whether there are any countries other than Travancore which levy export duty on copra ; and
(*f*) if so, their names ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) (*a*) India, Ceylon, Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands are some of the countries.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) No.
(*d*), (*e*) and (*f*). Information is not available.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know why information is not available as to the imposition of an export duty on copra in Ceylon ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : I cannot give any reason for that : information is not available that is all.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether, by interchange of informative periodicals or otherwise, the information is not available in the Legislative Council Library or in some other library, and whether no occasion has arisen so far for getting the information ?

PRESIDENT Such libraries were equally accessible to the member now asking the question as to the Government member.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The information could not be obtained within the time allotted for sending up the answer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Was any attempt made to get the information ?

PRESIDENT: Attempt was not made because time did not permit it.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Am I to understand that 12 days' notice is not sufficient to obtain this information ?

PRESIDENT: It has to be obtained from Ceylon.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know when the question was sent by Mr. Narayana Menon ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : I do not know, Sir.

The Text-Book Committee.

85. *MR. M. N. PARMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state who made the selection of the members of the Text-Book Committee ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Deputy Director of Public Instruction*) : The Government, on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction.

MR M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: May I know the purpose for which the Text-Book Committee was constituted ?

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